

Meeting Monday on Fifth School Trustee

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Vietnam Hero Honored In San Pedro Ceremony



HERO HONORED . . . Colonel Mark F. Brennan, commander at Ft. MacArthur, presents the Silver Star, the nation's third highest award for valor, to Mrs. Betty Miller for her son, Spec. 4 Jimmy A. Miller, who was killed in action in Vietnam Jan. 5, 1967. At right is Harold Miller, who accepts a Purple Heart awarded to his son. Ceremonies were held Friday at Ft. MacArthur. (Press-Herald Photo by Hal Fisher)

Board Mum on Names

Torrance school board members will meet Monday evening in executive session to begin the process of naming a fifth member of the board.

Trustees must fill the vacancy, created by the death of Dr. Kurt T. Shery May 9, by June 7, according to a ruling by the office of Los Angeles County Counsel Harold Kennedy.

Names of some two dozen persons who have indicated they wish to be considered for the seat are being kept confidential.

BERT M. LYNN, president of the board, told the Press-Herald late Friday afternoon he would not release the names of persons who have submitted applications for the post.

He said he did not want "to embarrass" persons who have applied for the job. Lynn said the board had encouraged many people to apply for the position.

"We are not going to do it (fill the vacancy) the way it was done in the old days," he added. "We are not looking for a rubber stamp."

LYNN SAID a "couple of dozen" persons have indicated they would be interested in the position.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools and secretary to the board, did tell the Press-Herald that the applications came from all parts of the city. He also said some women had indicated an interest in the position.

Trustees have one more regular meeting scheduled prior to the June 7 deadline for filling the vacancy.

Parents Accept Silver Star for Slain Soldier

The nation's third highest award for valor, the Silver Star, was awarded posthumously to Spec. 4 Jimmy A. Miller, 1520 W. 219th St., Friday afternoon in ceremonies at Ft. MacArthur. Accepting the award were his parents, Betty and Harold Miller. A Purple Heart also was awarded to Spec. Miller.

Colonel Mark F. Brennan, commander at Ft. MacArthur, made the presentation.

Specialist Miller was killed Jan. 5, 1967, while on a search and destroy operation against Viet Cong forces south of Tri Tam, Vietnam, in the Battle of the Iron Triangle.

HIS COMPANY was pinned down by intense rifle fire and Spec. Miller, despite wounds, continued to supervise his men. When the platoon sergeant was felled by enemy fire, Spec. Miller assumed command and reorganized the men into a defensive position and insured the wounded were treated, the citation accompanying the Silver Star reads.

"Seeing that the platoon's only radio had been dropped in a clearing during the engagement, Spec. Miller raced from his concealed position subjecting himself to enemy automatic weapons fire in order to radio for reinforcements from the company commander. Due to the accuracy and timely information Spec. Miller relayed to the commander, reinforcements were rapidly deployed to his area to give assistance.

"Up until the time the reinforcements arrived, Spec. Miller had full control and command of his element and through his outstanding leadership, the element was able to resist the enemy fire forcing the Viet Cong to flee," the citation continues.

"SPECIALIST Miller was mortally wounded just as the (See AWARD, Page A-2)

Two Men Hurt in Crashes

A Lawndale youth, Robert W. Mariani, 14511 Prairie Ave., was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital after he lost control of his car and hit a utility pole on Artesia Boulevard near Amie Avenue.

Torrance police said Mariani was driving westbound on Artesia Boulevard when the crash occurred just before 9 p.m. Officers said the youth was unconscious when they arrived at the scene.

He was treated and released.

A second driver was treated at South Bay District Hospital about 11:45 p.m. Friday after he struck a car parked on Calle Mayor near Calle Miramar in the Riviera section.

Thomas C. Sowerby, 38, of the Kent Arms Apartments, was driving west on Calle Mayor when the accident occurred. He was not cited pending further investigation, police said.

Trustee Attends County Meeting

Dr. Donald E. Wilson represented the Torrance Board of Education at the annual meeting of the Los Angeles County Trustees Association last week.

Crash Kills Torrance Man

A speeding sports car that spun out of control and slammed into a refuse truck carried 24-year-old Robert K. Runnings, of 2208 W. 180th St., to his death on a Sepulveda Boulevard curve in the Santa Monica mountains Thursday. Investigating officers said the Torrance man was traveling south and had just passed Mulholland Drive when his car skidded out of control on a curve and slammed into the trash truck. Two men in the truck were uninjured.

Adoption Upset Challenged

The decision of a three-judge panel that overruled a Superior Court finding against Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Christensen, deaf-mute Carson couple, who sought to adopt a 22-month boy they had raised since infancy, has been challenged by Judge A. A. Scott, who made the original ruling against the couple. Judge Scott reportedly has conferred with Los Angeles County counsel about taking an appeal on to the state Supreme Court. No decision on his request has been announced.

Holiday Closing Told

Schools, banks, government offices, and most businesses will be closed on Tuesday for Memorial Day. Press-Herald news and advertising offices will be closed. Deadlines for Wednesday editions of the Press-Herald have been set for 10 a.m. Monday to permit regular printing and delivery on Wednesday. City rubbish pickups will be made on Tuesday, as scheduled.

Three Bandits Hold Family at Gunpoint

Jewelry worth about \$2,000 was taken from a North Torrance home Friday afternoon by three gunmen who held the occupants of the house at gunpoint for nearly two hours.

The three men ransacked the home, apparently looking

for money, Torrance police said. They told their victims they were being paid \$4,000 each for the job.

Police said the three men entered the home at 4123 W. Artesia Blvd. about noon while Mrs. Jacqueline L. Prince, 38, and Duane Prince, 19, were sleeping. Mrs. Prince was in a rear bedroom with her grandson, while Duane Prince was sleeping in a front bedroom.

A 17-YEAR-OLD girl who answered the door when the suspects knocked was forced into a bedroom and bound with tape. A pillowcase was put over her head.

Prince also was bound with tape and his head was covered. He told police he did not see the three men.

Mrs. Prince was awakened by one of the men and forced to remain in the back bed-

room. Police said she was not bound.

THE TRIO ransacked the house, taking rings and other jewelry and 12 bottles of liquor. The total loss was estimated at \$2,048.

All three men were in their mid-20s, police said, and spoke with Southern accents. Several times, it was reported, they called each other by name—Leroy, Ray, and Gary.

They were armed with chrome revolvers.

POLICE SAID the suspects told their victims they had information the family had a large amount of money in the house. The bandits also said they had been hired — at \$4,000 each — to do the job.

Officers said the three men apparently had watched the Prince home for several days

Two New Principals Appointed

Principals for two new elementary schools which will open for the first time this summer have been named by Dr. Robert Morton, assistant superintendent of schools for personnel.

Dr. William Forrest, former principal of Madrona Elementary School, will become principal of the Sam Levy School, while William Leahy, principal at Carr School, will move to the Grace Wright School.

Dr. Forrest has been on sabbatical leave.

An estimated 300 youngsters are expected to enroll for the summer session at the Sam Levy School.

Cyclist Hits Car, Hurl'd Sixty Feet

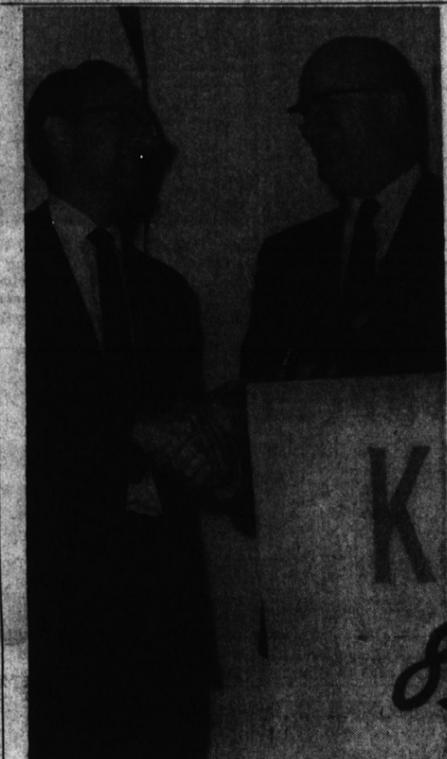
A 21-year-old motorcyclist was hurled 60 feet Friday when he struck an automobile at the corner of Main Street and Lomita Boulevard.

The driver of the car was identified as Jacob Rodak, 72, of 21809 Archibald Drive, who was reported traveling southbound on Main Street, when he attempted to make a left hand turn in front of motorcyclist Richard B. Michael of 2100 Artesia Blvd., Apt. 4.

Police cited Rodak for failure to yield the right of way. Michael was taken to Harbor General Hospital where he was hospitalized and treated for multiple abrasions and possible internal injuries. Doctors said his condition is favorable.



A GOOD LIKENESS . . . Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (left) accepts a large caricature of himself from "Bub" Thomas, the artist, and Kenny Uyeda (right), president of the North Torrance Lions Club. Each member of the North Torrance Lions signed the tribute which reads in part: "By the people, for the people—Kenneth Hahn, whose efforts and thoughts are ever active for his district." Thomas is a well known entertainer and civic leader of the South Bay area and Uyeda, 1823 W. 185th St., is a nursery owner.



SAMMY SAXON . . . Dr. J. H. Hull (right) superintendent of Torrance schools, receives a Sammy Saxon trophy from Dr. Richard Guengerich, principal of North High. Dr. Hull received the trophy during the school's annual achievement awards banquet to commemorate 20 years as superintendent of Torrance schools.

School Official Awarded Trophy

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools, was presented with a bronze Sammy Saxon trophy last week during the annual achievement awards banquet at North High School.

The trophy, presented by Dr. Richard Guengerich, principal of North High, commemorates 20 years of service to the Torrance schools. It was presented following the awarding of certificates and trophies to top students in 22 fields of endeavor.

Purpose of the annual awards banquet, which was initiated at North High in 1961, is to give recognition to youngsters who are outstanding in a particular area of the school program.

ATTENDING the banquet were 285 nominees and their parents.

Preceding the award pre-

Torrance Gets Back Intersection

The intersection of Redondo Beach and Crenshaw boulevards again belongs to the city of Torrance—and it's been improved since the county borrowed it.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn pointed out that by adoption of a resolution, jurisdiction over the intersection was returned to Torrance following full improvement.

Approximately 5,400 square feet of roadway were repaved at county expense and new curb and gutter was constructed in the 1964 project.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools, was presented with a bronze Sammy Saxon trophy last week during the annual achievement awards banquet at North High School.

Trophy winners included: David Leventhal, art; Chris Farasopoulos, athletics; Judith Gilliland, business; Robert Kimzey, drama; Robert Young, English; James Kraus, foreign language; Barbara Van Camp, Girls' Athletic Association; Helen Richards, homemaking; Kenneth Everett, industrial arts; Daniel Brooks, journalism; Jerry Gans, mathematics; Rolando Reyes, music; Richard Solomon, boys' physical education; and Barbara Van Camp, girls' physical education.

TROPHIES also were presented to: Robert Shoup, science; Daniel Chadderdon, social studies; Pamela Oliver, speech; William Albin, work experience; Jack Stafford, student government; Ulrich Jaeger, boys' service to school; Donna Casper, girls' service to school; and graduate scholar, Pamela Oliver.

Presentations were made by Bert Lynn, president of the Board of Education; Mrs. Kenneth Watts and Dr. Donald Wilson, board members; Dr. Frank Mattox and Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendents; Dr. Bruce Magner, curriculum consultant; and Mrs. Marvin Richards, president of the North High PTA.

Hostesses were members of the Girls' Athletic Association, who served under the direction of Miss Carolyn Filling.